

PROBS.
Friday—Very Cold.

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SECOND SHOCK RENDS MESSINA

Ruin Wreathed by First Shock Com-
pleted Yesterday—Many
Rescuers Killed.

MAY REACH 150,000.

Messina, Dec. 31.—Non-telegraphic cable communication was established from this city today. The appalling toll in lives taken by the first shock of the earthquake which struck this city on Monday night, was estimated at one hundred and fifteen thousand persons perished in Reggio and Messina alone, without attempting to estimate the toll in the hundreds of villages and small towns destroyed in those who perished in ships.

Hundreds are dying of thirst and hunger and are being rescued by the army and navy.

Bertolotti, minister of the interior, has ordered the army to lead the work of rescue.

Rome, Dec. 31.—In many of the larger sized Sicilian towns the work of rescue is continuing to flow through the broken ruins and explosions are frequent.

These details have been added to the authentic government list.

Santa Maria 12,000
Sant'Agata 10,000
Palma 4,000

Rome, Dec. 31.—Another violent earthquake shook Catania on Monday night. The shock was completed the work of ruin. The few buildings which were left standing of the quake of Monday night were found many more persons have been killed.

The news of the second disaster here has been published in Rome. It is believed that the ruin of Messina is now complete, and absolutely irreparable. Practically all the survivors who are awaiting conveyance to Sicily from the scene of the disaster, it is feared, are killed. Many persons who were engaged in the work of rescue are also victims.

4,225 Added to Casualties.

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Refugees Arrive at Naples.

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New Irish University Senate Ignores
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SPORTING NEWS

CLEAN, HARD HOCKEY.

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150 Pairs of Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, worth 35c. On Sale 25c.
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LADIES' SUITS
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150 Pairs of Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, worth 35c. On Sale 25c.
200 Pairs of Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, extra fine quality, worth 50c. On Sale Thursday and Saturday, 35c. or 3 Pairs for \$1.00

BELTS BELTS BELTS
BELTS, BELTS, BELTS. A great quantity of Ladies' Belts in Silk, Elc etc and Leather will be on Sale at HALF PRICE. Don't delay if you want any of these.

SILK UNDERSKIRTS FOR \$5.00
SILK UNDERSKIRTS FOR \$5.00. Can you beat this? About three dozen of these Ladies' Silk Underskirts made from fine Clifton Taffeta, and with extra full pleated flounce in black, navy, brown, green and Red, will be offered Thursday and Saturday at \$5.00.

LADIES' SUITS
The whole of the remaining stock of Ladies Suits will be cleared on Thursday and Saturday at a special discount of 20% off. Some of these Suits are made from heavy weight Tweeds and Broadcloths, others are made from light weight cloths and will be just the thing for early spring wear. Special Sale Price 30% off.

LADIES' COATS
In Cloth and Tweed, the whole stock will be offered at 20% off on Thursday and Saturday. Ladies' Mocha Kid Gloves and Mitts, fur-lined, Special Sale Price \$2.25

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